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MFA INFORMS US THAT CANCELLATION OF VISIT OF MFA UNDER SECRETARY RADI SCHEDULED FOR MAY 22-23 (REFTEL) OCCURRED MAINLY BECAUSE OF DIFFICULTIES IN OBTAINING APPOINTMENTS WITH HIGH-LEVEL TURKISH OFFICIALS AT THAT TIME. CURRENT THINKING AT MFA IS FOR FOREIGN MINISTER FORLANI TO VISIT ANKARA LATE IN JUNE OR EARLY IN JULY. AS CARAMANLIS HAS VISITED ROME THREE TIMES IN THE LAST TWO YEARS (AND AS ANDREOTTI VISITED ATHENS ONCE), ITALIANS FEEL TIME HAS COME FOR DEMONSTRATION OF INTEREST IN TURKEY. IN ADDITION TO PROJECTED FORLANI VISIT, INVITATION HAS BEEN ISSUED TO ECEVIT TO VISIT ROME IN THE FALL. HOLMES

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